

Communication Matters

Volume 4, Issue 5

February 2004

Past issues of Communication Matters are posted on the **E-Learn Deaf & Hard of Hearing Resource Center**. Information or news related to Deaf or Hard of Hearing services may be forwarded to Julie Eckhardt at jewel@traverse.net. *Views expressed in this bulletin are not necessarily the views of Michigan Department of Labor & Economic Growth, Rehabilitation Services.*

Youth & Transition

Scholarships for Students with Hearing Loss

The Louise Tumarkin Zazove Foundation is now accepting applications for scholarships. Legal US residents with a hearing loss are eligible for consideration by the Foundation, regardless of age, race, geographic location or ethnicity. Financial need will increase the chance of an applicant being awarded funds, but this is only one of many criteria taken into account. Funds awarded by the Louise Tumarkin Zazove Foundation will be paid directly to schools.

For more information about these scholarships and an application see:
www.ltzfoundation.org/scholarships.cfm



Young Scholar's Program (YSP) at Gallaudet University

This is a summer program for Talented and Gifted Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing teenagers.

For more information:

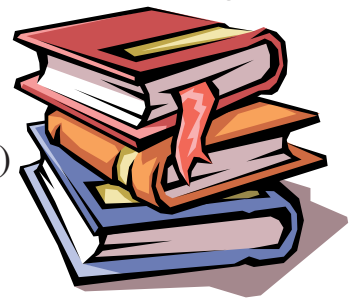
Gallaudet (800)383-9931 v/tty

Email: Summer@gallaudet.edu

ysp.gallaudet.edu

College Entrance Testing

The Stanford Achievement Test is the only test of academic achievement that is normed for deaf and hard of hearing test takers. Gallaudet University has conducted extensive research to evaluate this instrument for use as a college entrance test. Not all sub-tests are appropriate for deaf or hard of hearing test takers. The Stanford Achievement test is NOT the SAT (Scholastic Assessment Test) used by most colleges for entrance.



For additional information on the Stanford Achievement test see the FAQ at Gallaudet:
gri.gallaudet.edu/~catraxle/sat-faq.html

For ETS policy regarding test takers with disabilities: www.ets.org/disability/index.html

For ACT services for students with disabilities: www.act.org/aap/disab/index.html

Michigan Youth Leadership Forum

This Leadership Event is for students with disabilities and is held at Michigan State University. It is sponsored by Michigan Commission on Disability Concerns. Contact Duncan Wyeth for application forms: wyethd2@michigan.gov or 877-499-6232



Video Series Highlights Success!

The Achieving Goals! video tape series is intended to inspire! The career stories of individuals who are deaf and hard of hearing provide strong role models and practical information. The series, when complete, will include 5 video tapes, each can be purchased separately.

Currently available are:

- Phenomenal Professionals
- Brilliant at Business
- 'Definitely' Dynamic

For more information see the Achieving Goals! Web site:

netac.rit.edu/goals/cvs.html

MADHS Leadership School for Deaf & HOH Youth @ MSU

Registration Deadline:
March 1, 2004

Deaf or Hard of Hearing students (ages 14-19) can experience a taste of life at Michigan State University (MSU) while living in the dorms and participating in a unique blend of learning and fun. Interactive presentations by deaf and hard of hearing leaders cover:

- Higher education
- Personal Responsibility
- Employment
- Team Building
- Organizational Skills
- Employment
- Personal Leadership.



For more information contact MADHS at 1-800-YOUR EAR or on the web at www.madhs.org.

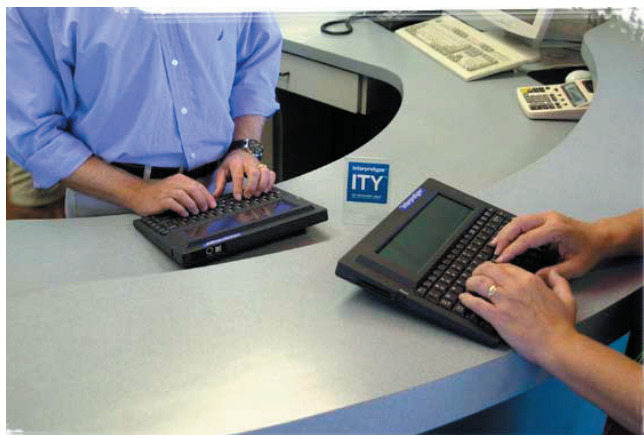
Interpretype: A Communication Option

Interpretype is described as, “an interactive communication device that provides a means of communicating without using speech.” The compact device includes two laptop-type keyboard units that communicate with each other via cable. The screen is small to permit visual communication between both users. Interpretype may be used in any setting where there is need to communicate between deaf and hearing people. The manufacturers recommend the device as an auxiliary aid for meeting ADA requirements.

This device may be a suitable accommodation for people who are deaf, late-deafened, or hard of hearing in some employment settings or in the MRS office. Consideration should be given to the reading level of the user. This device may not be appropriate for those with limited ability to read and write English.

The list price is \$1995.

For more information see:
www.interpretype.com/



Training Opportunities

Certificate Training in Deaf-Blindness

June 14- July 2, 2004

Northern Illinois University

Application Deadline: **March 1, 2004**

This intensive training program consists of 3 weeks on-campus with additional distance learning components worth 15 graduate credit hours. On-campus topics include:

- Deaf Culture and persons who are deaf-blind,
- Employment/Job Placement,
- Orientation and Mobility,
- Utilizing Technology,
- Assessment,
- Transition,
- Mental Health,
- Service Provision,
- Coordination and the Role of the Consultant,
- And more...

There is no cost for the training to accepted trainees. The training is fully funded through a grant from the U.S. Department of Education, Rehabilitation Services Administration. Includes tuition and fees, travel, lodging, and per diem.

For more information, contact:
Jennifer Gregory, Project Assistant
IOD/DB-NIU
815-753-6545 (v)
815-753-9125 (tty)
815-753-9123 (fax)
email: jgregory@niu.edu

Learn Sign Language On-line

New links coming to E-Learn Soon!

Also see these Michigan Resources:

www.michdhh.org/asl_deaf_culture/asl_training.html



Hear Here IV Conference & Technology EXPO

April 23 & 24, 2004

Valley Plaza Resort, Midland

Learn about assistive technology, the Employer Side of Hearing Loss, Power Hearing Aids, and more. See the MI-SHHH web site for details:

www.mi-shhh.org/

Communication Matters Workshop: *Working with Deaf & Hard of Hearing People*

Learn practical skills to facilitate working with people with hearing loss (including bosses, co-workers, clients, and family members). **Julie Eckhardt is now scheduling regional workshops for Spring 2004.** Last year, Julie visited many of the MRS offices with this highly rated workshop. Regional workshops will offer the same content or Level 2 if desired. **There is no cost to local offices for these workshops.**

Contact Julie to schedule a workshop for your region at 231/ 922-2943 or jewel@traverse.net.

Counselor Training Programs in Oregon

The Regional Resource Center on Deafness offers training programs to prepare professionals to serve the unique communication, rehabilitation, and educational needs of deaf and hard-of-hearing people. **Generous stipends help to cover tuition.**

A number of degree programs and a summer intensive seminars are available.

For more information visit: www.wou.edu/rccd
Call 503-838-8444, or e-mail rccd@wou.edu.